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reaction to SOU NIE

- 1.
- U.S. + USSR policies + conduct far outweigh other factors in Chinese assessments - ^{no aggression} neutron bomb, B-1, cruise missile.
 - their assessments reflect use of public statements by Defense, military commentators, ISS, East Europe
 - use statements as grist for propaganda mill in PRN-10, Sonnenfeldt but fundamental assessment is sober + long term
 - They read of + approved what they got of 11-3-8, 11-4 in 1976 during AIB team but rusey.
 - Chinese remain skeptical of assurances of leaders not w/o some reason
 - discount Soviet articles + rely on Soviet conduct opinions + distortions thereof exclusively.

Their own intelligence.
- commit
- Sat coverage
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strip away balance

2. Roughly in balance although lays on ~~growing~~ V.S. decaying power + Soviet aggressive expansion

- The Soviets lead + trends are in Soviet direction (this NIE will reinforce this)
- a stalemate or Soviet advantage will make USSR more aggressive + more likely to use its superior conventional forces.

- V.S. will seek to use China against USSR

- Panamanian might move about U.S. Soviet collusion - obscured by ranting about inevitability